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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

GAS IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

ASSUMING that the Supreme court's decision in the Kansas Natural Gas company case was what the newspaper reports sent out from Washington yesterday said it was, there is nothing left in those resolutions introduced in the legislatures of Ohio and Pennsylvania but hollow sound, and the legal staffs of the gas companies will have to invent something new if they want to prevent the Steptoe bill from going into full operation in this state the minute it becomes a law at the expiration of the ninety days after it was signed by the Governor.

It is a fair inference that if the service which the gas companies render when they transport gas from one state to another is not interstate commerce in the sense that the Public Service commission cannot fix rates for it in the state where it is consumed, it is not interstate commerce to such an extent that the Public Service commission of the state where it originated may not prescribe the terms upon which it may be transported and sold in that state.

In a country where statute law is made with as much ease as it is in the United States it is not uncommon to have things accepted as law which do not agree with common sense—for a time. But fortunately even the most ambitious efforts of the managers of the legislative mills cannot stop the process of working back to correct principles. Sometimes it is a slow process, but it is a process that goes on all the time. One of the things that is on the way now is a tendency to correct the extravagant view of the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution which even the courts held for a while, and which is still held to a degree that probably would astonish beyond measure the framers of our fundamental law.

When this process gets a little further along it is going to be acknowledged that it was a mistake to assume congress has absolutely unlimited power to make rules for any and all commerce that goes on across state lines and that anything that crosses a state line is subject to national control to the exclusion of the governments of the states.

The decision in the Kansas Natural Gas company appeal is a case in point. The other day it was held in Maryland that the Public Service commission for that state is competent to fix the rate at which West Virginia gas is sold in Maryland. The Kansas case settles that. If the gas companies operating in West Virginia elect to continue their fight against the principle in the Steptoe bill about the only thing they will accomplish in all probability is to establish larger powers for the public service commissions and provide them with a wider field in which to exercise it.

RUFF STUFF

"Experts" have told Elihu Root that two and three quarter per cent. beer is not intoxicating.

They may tell that to Elihu and get away with it, but many a pick handle devotee will envy these "experts" their staying qualities.

Doc Yost says many of the people are half asleep any way when it comes to sanitation.

Move to amend to make it read some of 'em are more than half asleep on many other things.

There's Fred Harr; he's wholly asleep when it comes to the activities of the tin horns.

And some of the merchants are pretty much asleep when it comes to advertising.

As an alibi the war has gone out of fashion.

One realizes that when he reads that the fruit stands and boot black outfits

As a contribution to the science of law that would be all right, but as an example of corporation practice we do not believe it would commend itself to the people who own the companies that export West Virginia's natural gas.

OVERHAULING THE OLD CAR.

LONG about this time of the year your face bursts forth into a glad smile, you haul a lot of dusty tools out of a dark corner of the cellar and, despite your good wife's serious countenance and dire warnings of disaster, you prepare to overhaul your old car.

You whistle as you lay the tools out in a nice neat row. You hum a little song as you take off the hood, unravel a few maneto coils and carelessly twirl a couple of spark plugs between your fingers. You yodel the latest popular air as you whack away at the carburetor and extract the bolts from the rear axle. And the neighbors, half a block away, hear your carols of glee and think of turning in a riot call, as you unmesh the transmission and do a lot of queer things to piston rings and cylinder heads.

About noon you have the car pretty well scattered over the interior landscape of your garage. You are still smiling, but rather thoughtful, as you hustle through the noon meal like a wet goods salesman scurrying through a dry town. You crack a lot of jokes and you skillfully evade your wife's worried eyes.

During the afternoon you successfully smear yourself with grease from head to foot, accidentally insert a quantity of gasoline in your ear and put the blamed car together again with an unaccountable feeling of irritation. About 6 o'clock you finally get it fixed up—the only trouble being that you have 15 or 20 superfluous parts hanging around and the fool thing absolutely refuses to run.

The next day, as you steadfastly continue avoiding your wife's eyes, you send the car to a repair man. A month later you casually inform your wife that his bill is \$78.

"Oh, I'm so glad!" she exclaims to your intense surprise.

"What do you mean—glad?" you ask.

"Oh," she says, "I felt sure your annual job of overhauling the car would this year cost us much more than that!"

DOUBLY FOOLISH.

WEST VIRGINIA'S house of delegates did a doubly foolish thing yesterday when it adopted, by what amounted to a party vote, a resolution declaring against the United States ever becoming a member of a League of Nations.

No statesman in any political party whose opinion carries weight with the intelligent people of the country and no important organ of public opinion has taken such an extreme stand. The critics of the constitution of the league, as it was announced by President Wilson, whose views are having the most influence in shaping public opinion, have all been at great pains to explain that they are heartily in favor of some form of international organization designed to abolish militarism and prevent war. In going to the length it did the house of delegates ranged itself with those who are influenced by mere uninformed prejudice.

In bringing the matter up at such a time and in such a place it was inevitable that the house should divide upon political lines and that in a measure that would encourage those who are seeking to make a party question of this most important matter. It may result in creating a situation which next year will embarrass the Republican party in West Virginia, for every student of American politics knows how dangerous it is to make a political issue of an international question. It is conceivable that it may wreck one or both of the old parties, but the politicians are going to find out before long that it is impossible to make the parties as they now exist line up one for and one against this proposition.

New York brewers are getting ready to defy the government and ignore the presidential proclamation forbidding the use of food stuff for the brewing of their product. They have assured their lawyers, Elihu Root and William D. Guthrie, that experts can prove that beer with two and three-quarters per cent alcohol is not intoxicating, and the lawyers in their turn have told the brewers that if such is the case they will be within the law when they brew and sell such beer. Here is a nicely balanced matter of expert advice which ought, while it lasts, to prove profitable for the booze specialists, the law specialists and the brewers. In the mean time the beer drinkers will proceed to get comfortably lit up on the non-intoxicating beer.

Dr. L. N. Yost, county health officer, has issued a straight from the shoulder notice to the public in which he warns that unless a lot of cleaning up is done there will be an increase in illness and perhaps even some outbreaks of epidemic proportions in Marion county. It is to be hoped that heed will be paid to this warning. A little care perhaps will save the people of the county a great deal of money, for sickness is always costly.

Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt has announced that a meeting will be called in this country "about the end of April" for the purpose of organizing a World War association. In Paris a preliminary organization already has been effected. Professional politicians will do well to keep their weather eye on this movement. It portends anxiety and sleepless nights for them.

Wheeling promptly went to the rescue of the employment bureau located in that city which was ordered closed because of lack of government funds to maintain it longer. Business men last night met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and promptly subscribed a fund of one thousand dollars to keep the bureau open until such time as congress can come to the rescue. The suggestion was made that this be done in Fairmont, but up to the present no action has been taken.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY

By E. E. MEREDITH

Colonel John P. Duval, county lieutenant of Harrison county, from Governor Randolph of Virginia on March 18, 1788 in which he stated that on his return to Clarksburg he found the inhabitants "much confused respecting the murders which were committed" and that "some were determined to leave the country and them who had the fortitude enough to stand was also determined to foot but at the same time having some hopes for something being done by the government for their relief." The county lieutenant told of ordering out thirty rangers and said he expected a visit from the savages in the spring. He complained that these rangers would have to cover a part of Randolph county, too.

The Hamturs Freudenblatt says the Rumanian Government will annul all bank notes given out by the German Army of Occupation, which amount to about 2,000,000,000 lei (at normal rate, \$885,000,000).

Several thousand fresh-water fish from the United States have been distributed in Gatun Lake in an experiment.

CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Died from accident and other causes, 33; died of disease, 20; wounded severely, 18; missing in action, 4. Total, 75.

Died from Accident and Other Causes. Private—Dial, Oscar, Big Creek, W. Va. Missing in Action.

Private—Hanson, James C., Greenburg, W. Va. AFTERNOON LIST.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action, 6; died from wounds, 7; died of disease, 52. Total, 65.

Killed in Action. Lieutenant—Mitchell, Robert L., Durham, N. C. Privates—

Crawley, Charles E., Pittsfield, Mass. Hamn, Bernard D., Corinth, Miss. Nelson, Lauritz, Omaha, Neb. Parise, Veto, Rumford, Me. Rasmake, Della J., Bonaker, Va. Died from Wounds.

Corporals—Foote, Eugene E., New York, N. Y. Lutz, Harry Edwin, Holton, Kans.

Private—Hatcher, Elbert M., Troutville, Va. Humphrey, Jake Dean, Irondale, Mo. Sinclair, Johnnie W., Mabel, Minn. Smith, George J., Yale, Mich. Willis, Porter E., Heber Springs, Ark. Died of Disease.

Wagoner—Patton, Gussie, Poll, W. Va. MINOR CASUALTIES.

Wounded Slightly. Privates—Beasley, Wilber M., Pinchton, W. Va. Blackburn, Toy, Williamson, W. Va.

Worthington

Revival Services. The revival services at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. M. E. Peck, of Huntington, are still in progress and considerable interest has been manifested. So far there has been four additions to the church, with two other conversions on Saturday evening and four others have asked for the prayers of the church. The meeting will probably continue over next Sunday if not longer.

Purchases Real Estate. Mrs. Frank Girard, formerly of Rivesville, has purchased from J. M. Wade, two lots in what is known as the W. E. Shaver addition to the town of Worthington and will erect a dwelling on one of the lots.

Purchases Property. Mrs. Meli Mittico has purchased the residence of H. L. Merrifield on lower Water street and will remove to town about the first of May. Mr. Merrifield has not decided yet where he will locate.

Interurban Station. Finley Oakes is having alterations made in the room in the Oakes building which will be used by the Monongahela Valley Traction company as a freight station. We understand they will take charge about April 10th.

Personal. A. J. McDaniel was called to Fairmont on Monday to act as a juror in a condemnation suit.

Isaac McIntire returned from Pittsburg on Friday evening whither he had gone to purchase goods for his store here.

Edgar Beck, of Farmington, was a week end visitor with relatives here.

L. B. Reamer, who has been located at Mannington for several months, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Reamer, near here.

Zadoc C. Talkington has gone to El Dorado, Kansas, where he will be employed by Jas. I. Michael, in the oil fields.

Mrs. B. H. Skinner, of Kilarm, was shopping in town on Monday.

E. R. McDougall, who was stationed at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., and Carl C. Ashcraft, who was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, both returned to their homes here last week, they having been honorably discharged.

Mrs. T. E. Meeks, of Hutchinson, was calling on friends here on Sunday.

W. S. Glover, of Farmington, was a business visitor here on Monday.

Daniel D. Snider, of near Buckhannon, was visiting relatives here for the past several days.

U. G. Sutler, of near Kilarm, was transacting business here on Monday.

FUSES SET FOR EXPLOSION. CLARKSBURG, March 17.—Two quarts of nitroglycerine, with fuses set, were discovered near the track of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, opposite the residence of F. O. Sutton in Stealey's light section of the city this morning by a track walker. Officers suspect an attempt was on foot to wreck the traction line there, or to blow up one of the buildings in the neighborhood.

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\$42.50 to \$95.00

More and more new models make their way from the fashion centers of New York these days.

Whenever you come in—Always something new.



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The slim, trim daintiness of "Co-Ed" models makes them altogether delightful in their rich simplicity.

Well dressed women everywhere find in them that youthful idealism that makes them prefer "Co-Ed" models to others much more expensive.



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Black with White Clock
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Moose Have Their Charter Open 30 Days

Fairmont Lodge, 9, Loyal Order of Moose, has been notified that it has been granted a dispensation, which will extend over the next thirty days. This places the membership at \$6 during this period. An important meeting of the lodge will be held on Wednesday evening in Moose hall.

At that time arrangements will be made for the frolic of Monongahela Valley Legion, Mooseheart Legion, which will be held at Clarksburg next Saturday night. This will probably be the last meeting of the legion for probably sixty or ninety days. The members will probably make the trip on a special trolley car out of the city at 6 p. m. The initiation fee is \$2.50 and the dues are \$2 a year.

Miss Jennie Fetty Hears From Brother

Miss Jennie Fetty, of 705 Merchant street, is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Harry, which was written while the latter was at Brest waiting for a transport to bring him home, and it is evident from a clipping from a newspaper which he encloses that conditions at that camp at the time the letter was written, February 21, were quite as bad as dispatches to this side declared them to be.

At the time Harry, who is a private in Company D, 113 A. T., was in the best of health and was rejoicing over the receipt of letters from his sister and mother.

To Ladies Who are Stout

Fat is fatal to health and beauty. Reduce weight sensibly and easily; improve your health and figure. Avoid heart trouble, wrinkles, nervousness, weakness, etc., besides personal embarrassment, due to obesity. Look and feel younger. Walk sprightly. Let your eyes sparkle with new fervor. Surprise and delight your friends. Be a girl again! Go to the nearest drug store and get a small box of oil of lemons (capsules) and follow directions of the koreit system. Reduce 10 to 20 pounds under guarantee. Eat all you need (including some candy, if desired) while reducing. Don't bother about going through tiresome exercises or following rules of starvation diet. Why not become slender without drastic drugs, worry and self-denial? Here's your chance!

By simplifying the system of tickets given to passengers on busses in London, a saving of 100 tons of paper pulp was effected in the course of a year.

London has 2,500 miles of sewers and Paris about 1,000.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



Keep Your Hair Young

Do not allow premature grayness to rob your hair of its soft, dark, youthful lustre and beauty. Gray or faded hair deadens the most perfect complexion—make you look older than you really are. Preserve its natural charm and loveliness by means of a few simple, harmless treatments with

Q-ban Hair Color Restorer

It brings back the dark, natural shade to hair that is gray, faded or streaked with gray. Renew its lustre—revives and stimulates growth—stops the hair from falling out. Absolutely not a dye, and will not stain the scalp. Restores the color gradually and uniformly by a perfectly natural process. Does not rub off or interfere with shampooing or waving the hair.

For Hair Health and Beauty
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